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Highlights Khrushchev and Kekkonen speeches at Soviet Embassy luncheon September 4:

A. Khrushchev:

Foundation Soviet-Finnish friendship is mutual confidence and realistic collaboration. Common interest in effort do all to eliminate danger of war and secure peace. In recent years Finland's international authority has increased because Finland steadfastly follows Passikivi-Kekkonen line which built on peaceful policy. Just this policy safeguards... security of Finland...it no accident that neutrality policy presently followed by nations whose inhabitants comprise one-fourth our planets population. People have begun understand even better that modern war can become immediate catastrophe to many nations, particularly small ones. Have not recent events - American espionage flights - shown how dangerous is position of small nations that join western military alliances?...I can assure you...that Finland can always depend on Soviet support along road of peaceful foreign policy chosen by Finland.

B. Kekkonen:

Khrushchev visit a token of friendship to whole Finnish people...and since this distinction takes place just at this moment of tension and unrest in world, we consider it especially significant...it demonstrates that policy of friendship and confidence....is based on understanding...which cannot be shaken by winds.

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from Helsinki

I have found that direct, open conversation is key to success in foreign policy...mutual confidence...creates favorable foundation for adjusting differing points of view and forestalling misunderstandings. This status has been reached in Finno-Soviet relations and on this foundation our exemplary coexistence has been built...probably every human being in world...is pleased we have been able build. A permanent neighborly harmony based on principle of peaceful coexistence.

Some may say at this point: But living in peaceful way as neighbor of big Soviet Union, Finland will become Communist country before long...I am convinced that even if rest of Europe became Communist, Finland would remain on basis of traditional Nordic democracy if majority of Finnish people so desired. Soviet Union has not forced and will not force us to adopt its system...leadership of the Soviet Union knows in all circumstances we will defend our system...since Soviet leadership pursues friendly understanding policy toward Finnish people, it naturally does not force our people into anything that would be contrary to nature our people...we Finns convinced that if countries elsewhere would arrange their relations in accordance with same principles as our countries do, whole world would move into highly beneficial status of permanent peace...I and the government have had excellent meeting with you Mr. Chairman...in we have discussed ...the EFTA question and have noted that probably also in this difficult and complicated matter the interests of our countries can be adjusted...it may take time...in any case we have found that securing of Finland's economic interests has been met with understanding by the Soviet leadership...

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